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Changes In Bureau Business Administration

DIRECTORS OF REGIONAL RESEARCH LABORATORIES, BUREAU DIVISION HEADS
AND THOSE IN CHARGE OF FIELD STATIONS

Mr. Alert P. Aanestad, who has served as Business Manager of the Bureau's Western Regional Research Laboratory at Albany, California, since its organization in 1939, has submitted his resignation from that position to be effective at the close of business February 25, 1949. Mr. Sidney J. Adams is being transferred from the Bureau Headquarters here in Washington to succeed Mr. Aanestad as Business Manager of the Western Laboratory.

Mr. Paul K. Knierim, Assistant Business Manager of the Eastern Regional Research Laboratory, will come to Washington to take over the position of Aid to Mr. Henry A. Donovan, Assistant Chief of Bureau for Administration, which position is being vacated by Mr. Adams. Mr. Raymond W. Sooy, Fiscal Accountant in charge of the Eastern Laboratory's Audit section is being promoted to the position of Assistant Business Manager of that Laboratory to replace Mr. Knierim.

Mr. Adams has served continuously in the Department of Agriculture since 1931. For the past three and one-half years he has served as Administrative Officer in the office of the Assistant Chief of Bureau for Administration and prior to his transfer to Washington from New Orleans, served for nearly four years as Assistant Business Manager of our Southern Regional Research Laboratory. Mr. Adams received the LL.B. degree from Columbus University, Washington, D. C. in 1938 and is a member of the District of Columbia Bar.

Mr. Knierim has been in the Department since March, 1937, and was appointed to the Business Staff of the Eastern Regional Research Laboratory in August, 1940. Since June 1, 1942, he has served as Assistant Business Manager of the Eastern Laboratory.

Mr. Sooy has been in charge of the Audit Section of the Eastern Regional Research Laboratory since March, 1941. He was first appointed in the Department of Agriculture in 1934.

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Mr. Aanestad's resignation marks the first change of Regional Laboratory Business Managers which we have had since the original establishment of those positions in 1939. Mr. Aanestad has been in the Federal service continuously since October, 1928, and in the Bureau since June, 1930. Prior to his appointment as Business Manager of the Western Regional Research Laboratory in 1939, he served as Administrative Assistant in the Office of the Chief of Bureau here in Washington. Mr. Aanestad has contemplated resigning from the Federal Service for some time past, and it is with regret that his resignation has been accepted.

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